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Subpart A—General

§ 212.1 Purpose and scope.

This part establishes standards and procedures for State participation in investigative and surveillance activi-

ties under the Federal railroad safety laws and regulations.

§ 212.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) *Administrator* means the Federal Railroad Administrator or the Deputy Administrator or the delegate of either of them.

(b) *Associate Administrator* means the Associate Administrator for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), or the Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA.

(c) *FRA* means the Federal Railroad Administration.

(d) *Federal railroad safety laws* means the following enactments, together with regulations and orders issued under their authority:

(1) The Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970, as amended (45 U.S.C. 421, 431–441);

(2) The Safety Appliance Acts, as amended (45 U.S.C. 1–16);

(3) The Locomotive Inspection Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 22–34);

(4) The Signal Inspection Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 26);

(5) The Accident Reports Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 38–42);

(6) The Hours of Service Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 61–64(b)); and

(7) The Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 app. U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), as it pertains to shipment or transportation by railroad.

(e) *Manufacturer* means a person that manufactures, fabricates, marks, maintains, reconditions, repairs, or tests containers which are represented, marked, certified, or sold for use in the bulk transportation of hazardous materials by railroad.

(f) *Shipper* means a person that offers a hazardous material for transportation or otherwise causes it to be transported.

(g) *Planned compliance inspections* means investigative and surveillance activities described in the annual work plan required by § 212.109 of this part that provide basic surveillance of railroad facilities, equipment and/or operations for the purpose of determining the level of compliance with relevant Federal safety requirements.

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§ 212.5 Filing.

Each State agency desiring to conduct investigative and surveillance activities must submit to the Associate Administrator for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, the documentation which contains the information prescribed by §§ 212.105 and 212.107.

Subpart B—State/Federal Roles**§ 212.101 Program principles.**

(a) The purpose of the national railroad safety program is to promote safety in all areas of railroad operations in order to reduce deaths, injuries and damage to property resulting from railroad accidents.

(b)(1) The national railroad safety program is carried out in part through the issuance of mandatory Federal safety requirements and through inspection efforts designed to monitor compliance with those requirements. FRA and State inspections determine the extent to which the railroads, shippers, and manufacturers have fulfilled their obligations with respect to inspection, maintenance, training, and supervision. The FRA and participating States do not conduct inspections of track, equipment, signal systems, operating practices, and hazardous materials handling for the railroads, shippers, and manufacturers.

(2) The national railroad safety program is also carried out through routine inspections, accident investigations, formal and informal educational efforts, complaint investigations, safety assessments, special inquiries, regulatory development, research and similar initiatives.

(c) It is the policy of the FRA to maintain direct oversight of railroad, shipper, and manufacturer conditions and practices relevant to safety by conducting inspections and investigations in concert with participating State agencies.

(d) The principal role of the State Safety Participation Program in the national railroad safety effort is to provide an enhanced investigative and surveillance capability through assumption, by participating State agen-

cies, of responsibility for planned routine compliance inspections. The FRA encourages further State contributions to the national railroad safety program consistent with overall program needs, individual State capabilities, and the willingness of the States to undertake additional investigative and surveillance activities.

(e) It is the policy of the FRA to promote the growth and vitality of the State Safety Participation Program through liaison with State government, coordination of Federal and State investigative and surveillance activities, and training of inspection personnel.

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§ 212.103 Investigative and surveillance authority.

(a) Subject to the requirements of this part, a State agency with jurisdiction under State law may participate in investigative and surveillance activities concerning Federal railroad safety laws and regulations by entering into an agreement under § 212.105 for the exercise of specified authority.

(b) Subject to requirements of this part, a State agency with jurisdiction under State law may participate in investigative and surveillance activities with respect to particular rules, regulations, orders or standards issued under the regulatory authority of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 by filing an annual certification under § 212.107.

§ 212.105 Agreements.

(a) *Scope.* The principal method by which States may participate in investigative and surveillance activities is by agreement with FRA. An agreement may delegate investigative and surveillance authority with respect to all or any part of the Federal railroad safety laws.

(b) *Duration.* An agreement may be for a fixed term or for an indefinite duration.

(c) *Amendments.* An agreement may be amended to expand or contract its scope by consent of FRA and the State.

(d) *Common terms.* Each agreement entered into under this section provides that: